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AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION TECHNICIANS

The Air National Guard is unique among the Reserve components. It serves the interests of the Nation in its Federal status and responds to state disasters and other emergency roles when summoned to duty by the respective governors. When serving in State status, Guard units are invaluable in assisting local authorities during natural disasters, civil disturbances, and other emergency situations. The Air National Guard, along with the Air Force Reserve, provides the major source of added strength and equipment to assist the Air Force during times of war or national emergency. This information paper is being provided to individuals who desire information concerning the Air National Guard Aeromedical Evacuation Technician program and who are thinking about joining the Air National Guard family. The information is general and is subject to change. For more information contact one of the Air National Guard units listed on the back of this fact sheet or call 1–800–638–0939.

WHAT IS AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION?

The historical development of the aeromedical evacuation system in this country closely parallels the history and progress of aviation. The potential for the transport of sick and injured has been recognized since the early development of the airplane. The modern day system began in 1943 with the institution of the Army Air Corps School of Air Evacuation. This school trained medical crews in "aeromedical" air evacuation techniques and skills. The backbone of the system is the large fleet of cargo and transport aircraft that can be configured to carry patients.

In the Vietnam conflict, new lifesaving techniques and equipment were developed and utilized in the treatment of battle casualties, but the biggest step forward was the rapid airlift of the wounded from the battlefield to a medical facility where they could be given the benefit of those new developments. The lessons learned from combat airlift of Vietnam combat casualties would be applicable to the civilian situation in case of disaster as well as the overall improvement of future aeromedical evacuation. Highspeed aircraft and airborne medical care in the future need not be based solely on a system of evacuation dictated by war, but a system of transport from all parts of the world to those areas which can offer the diagnostic facilities and definitive care required to raise the level of health throughout the world.

The Aeromedical Evacuation Technician (AET) is an integral part of the Aeromedical Evacuation System, working very closely with the Aeromedical Evacuation Nurse (Flight Nurse). As an AET, you will be afforded the opportunity to train with state of the art equipment, and in some of today's most modern military aircraft. The education and training you will receive can certify you as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) by the US Department of Transportation and may qualify you to apply for national EMT certification. You may train in modern overseas medical facilities and participate in overseas military field exercises. As an aircrew member, you may opt to fly weekend trips, perhaps as often as once a month. These trips remain overnight at many continental US Air Force bases, providing an opportunity to explore this vast country.

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BENEFITS

As an Air National Guard Aeromedical Evacuation Technician, you are entitled to many benefits and privileges. Listed below are just a few of these:

- An opportunity to serve your community, state, and nation.
- New and rewarding professional, social, and personal relationships.
- Education assistance and student loan repayment.
- Regular promotions.
- Use of military commissaries (grocery stores) and base exchanges (department stores).
- Use of active duty and Air National Guard recreation activities such as hobby and craft shops, golf courses, theaters, bowling establishments, parks and family recreation areas, etc.
- Space available travel on military aircraft.
- Membership in recreation and military service clubs.
- Low cost term life insurance.
- The opportunity to wear the uniform of the United States Air Force.

In addition to your federal benefits and privileges, many states offer additional incentives to their members, such as:

- Education assistance for state colleges and universities.
- State tax advantages and reduced motor vehicle registration.
- Low cost life insurance programs.

PARTICIPATION

Air National Guard units usually meet one weekend a month. Both days are divided into two four hour periods known as unit training assemblies (UTA's). You are also required to perform fifteen days of active duty each year which is called annual training. Members are required to participate according to the unit training schedule; however, commanders do have some latitude in scheduling. Your annual training may be served in several ways depending on the units and your training needs. Sometimes it is served in active duty Air Force medical facilities; sometimes served with the active Air Force Aeromedical Evacuation system; sometimes accomplished while participating in military training exercises. There is opportunity for serving some of this time in Air Force facilities or military training exercises overseas. As an Aeromedical Evacuation Technician, you will be extended the opportunity to participate in additional training periods so that you can remain proficient and current in air evacuation procedures. These inflight training periods are conducted at various times of the day, various days of the week, to fit individual work and school schedules. They are also conducted over weekends, remaining overnight at one of many locations throughout the country.

TRAINING

All Air National Guard Aeromedical Evacuation Technicians attend Basic Military Training (non-prior service); Medical Service Specialist School; Preceptorship (Clinical training); Altitude Physiology Training; and Local Aircraft Familiarization Training at your unit of assignment. If your are an LPN/LVN, EMT, or paramedic, some of this training may be waived for you. This training is designed to teach you the basic medical skills you will need to function as an Aeromedical Evacuation Technician, providing safe, efficient care to patients being transported by air.

PAY

Your pay will be determined by a combination of your military grade and length of service. During weekend training assembly you are paid for 4 (four) days. While on active duty, you receive one day's pay for each day of service. As a member of the Air National Guard, you can expect regular promotions. With each promotion comes an increase in pay.

RETIREMENT

To qualify for retirement you must complete 20 satisfactory years of service and have reached your 60th birthday. To have a "satisfactory" year you must accumulate at least 50 inactive duty training points, 35 earned plus 15 "gratuitous" (bonus points for actively participating). You may earn additional points toward increased retirement pay, up to 60 per year for inactive duty participation plus all active duty points, provided the combination of all does not exceed the yearly maximum of 365. Once you have retired, you receive the same benefits as active duty retirees such as:

- A generous monthly annuity.
- Medical care for you and your family.
- Survival benefits for your spouse and family.
- Use of active duty facilities such as base exchanges, commissaries, recreation and welfare facilities, service clubs, etc.
- Space available travel on military aircraft.

ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for a position as an Aeromedical Evacuation Technician, you must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a high school graduate or have successfully completed the GED.
- Must take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB).
- Must be in good physical condition.
- Must be of good moral character.
- Must be between the ages of 17 and 34, unless you have prior military experience.
- Experience as an Emergency Medical Technician or as a paramedic is desirable.

JOB RIGHTS

Almost all members of National Guard and Military Reserve units take part in some kind of training, whether it be UTA weekends or Annual Training. To attend this training, Reservists often must take time off from their jobs, with absences lasting from a few hours to a few months. Federal law protects Reservists from being denied certain employment benefits because their military activities interfere with their jobs. The U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Veteran's Reemployment Rights administers this law and gives advice and assistance to Reservists in exercising their job rights.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

In order to be accepted for a position in the Air National Guard it is necessary to apply to the unit in which you may have an interest. Below is a list of the locations of our Air National Guard Aeromedical Evacuation units. You may also obtain further information by calling 1–800–638–0936 or by writing to Air National Guard Opportunities, PO Box 554, Hanover, MD 21076.

AIR NATIONAL GUARD AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION UNITS

Channel Islands, California
146 AE Squadron
4146 Naval Air Road
Channel Island ANG Base
Port Hueneme, CA 93041–4001
(805) 986–7777

New Castle, Delaware
142 AE Flight
12 Penns Way Bldg 1504
Corporate Commons
New Castle, DE 19720–2495
(302) 323–3444

Minneapolis-St Paul, Minnesota
109 AE Flight
Minn-St Paul Airport
St Paul, MN 55111–4098
(612) 725–5467

Jackson, Mississippi
183 AE Flight
141 Military Drive
Jackson, MS 39208–8881
(601) 936–8342

Schenectady, New York
139 AE Flight
Stratton ANG Base
Scotia, NY 12302–9752
(518) 381–7454

Charlotte, North Carolina
156 AE Flight
5225 Morris Field Drive
Charlotte, NC 28208–5795
(704) 391–4204

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
137 AE Flight
5624 Air Guard Drive
Oklahoma City, OK 73179–9004
(405) 682–6264

Nashville, Tennessee
118 AE Squadron
PO Box 17267
Nashville Metro Airport
Nashville, TN 37217–0267
(615) 361–4600 ext. 597

Martinsburg, West Virginia
167 AE Flight
E WV Regional Airport
Martinsburg, WV 25401–0204
(304) 267–5260

Cheyenne, Wyoming
187 AE Flight
PO Box 2268
Cheyenne, WY 82003–2268
(307) 772–6333

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